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How easily we read in old books, when men were few, of the smallest action of the patriarchs. We require that a man should be so large and columnar in the landscape, that it should deserve to be recorded, that he arose and girded up his loins, and departed to such a place.

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THE best part of health is fine disposition. It is more essential than talent, even in the works of talent. Nothing will supply the want of sunshine to peaches; and, to make knowledge valuable, you must have the cheerfulness of wisdom.

THE highest end of government is the culture of men; and if men can be educated, the institutions will share their improvement, and the moral sentiment will write the law of the land,

EACH of us has some talent, can be somewhat useful, or graceful, or formidable, or amusing, or lucrative.

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#### LEARNER AND LEARNED.

ANNA C. BRACKETT.

PEW weeks ago a teacher of A much experience was visiting my school. She listened for some time to a class who were translating from the French, and who, reading at sight as they were, often came to a word, the meaning of which they did not know. After the recitation was over, I said to her, "I want you to know that those girls were reading at sight, and that they had not propared the lesson at all-as otherwise ou might think that they should know the meanings of all the words." "Oh," she replied, "I could see that they were learners. That is what we expect to find in school."

The expression haunted me. The idea, plainly put, that all pupils in school are expected to be learners, will of course be accepted by every one. And yet there are many teachers who practically do not seem to be convinced of its truth, for their

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WE hope the Illinois Legislature conducted as if the children were learned instead of learners. If they are learners, the teacher is put in her place as a helper to them. She is on the same side with them, so to speak. She is also a learner with them. Only, as she is older and wiser, and has traveled the same road before, she is supposed to know the difficult places, and to have judgment enough to warn them of any such beforehand. Because she has known the difficulties of the way, she is sympathetic; because she has surmounted them, she is hopeful and full of good courage for the children. She points out the way, leads in the vanguard and cheers to victory with her voice and tone.

> But if, on the other hand, she looks upon her pupils as learned, she then stands on the other side from them, She is to test their armor, and her business is to find out the weak spots in it. Or it is as if she were on the grand stand, lifted high out of the dust and heat of the race. She assigns the stations, lays down the laws which are to govern the contest, and prescribes the length of the course. When the allotted time is over, she may award the prises. She may be -indeed she must be-impartial, and decide according to the facts, but after all she must remain a disinterested umpire.

Now which of these cases in that of our schools, certainly of all recitations day after day are often schools below the college? Are not ertion which comes from being

all pupils in them, learners and not learned? It seems so to me, and that they are to be treated accordingly. They are like children learning to walk. They have the capacity to do that which they are trying to do, but the machinery for doing it is not fully under the control of the will. Often they know what they want to do very well, but they cannot reach the object at which they aim. Just so, the child sees the chair that he wishes to reach, but he does not direct his motion exactly right, and so misses it by a very small angle and yet misses it—or his little legs refuse to go farther-or, oftener, confused by his own success-amazed at the splendid possibilities which crowd upon his mind, he miscalculates and sinks all in a heap upon the carpet, just when he is about to reach the goal. What does the mother do, as she watches him? Does she stand at the other side of the room and let him fall, and when he picks himself up discomfited, does she say, "You ought to have remembered that. I told you all about that only yesterday." When she sees his eye fixed upon the chair for which he is aiming, does she distract his attention by presenting side issues : or just as the baby is about to touch it, does she give him a push and knock him down, and then exclaim "I told you so!" Yet this is really what many teachers do with their classes.

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What does she do? She steadies the child before she lets go of him. She puts the chair within easy reach, so that only one step may be necessary to get at it. She stands in front to attract his eyes by her smiles. If the cihld hesitates and totters, she puts her arms around him so as not to let him fall, and when he is steady and reassured, she waits for him. If in spite of this, he does fall, she lifts him up, speaks encouraging words, tells him not to mind, starts him to try again; or if enough has been done for that day, she lets him stop right there and diverts his mind to other things, so that he shall not brood over the disappointment. If he succeeds, she praises him, and the next day, sets the chair a little-just a very littlefarther off.

Just in this way does the true eacher manage her class, for every true teacher considers her pupils to be learners and not learned, and treats them accordingly.

It is a great thing for a teacher to learn not to allow her pupils to miss. Where their strength fails, hers must come to the rescue. Where their wings flutter and tremble, her wings must be spread under them, so that they shall not fall. By patient continuance in this method, the fledgelings will gain true confidence in their own powers and learn to strike out boldly for themselves. They will not have the overweening self asmade to think that they know some-thing when they know nothing. They will have too often gratefully felt the supporting wing beneath them for this. And because they feel that the teacher is on their side-for them and not against them, they will not be afraid to let her see into their minds, and so she will discover often the cause of the confusion and the wrong answer when many another teacher would helplessly fail. She is the kind of teacher to whom a wrong answer is sometimes more welcome than a correct one. For many and many a time it is the incorrect answer that shows thought and effort, and the correct one that testifies only to a quick memory and a happy chance.

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Those teachers who can appreciate this last statement, will understand all that I have said here—and their pupils are happy in being in the hands of those who look upon them always as learners and who do not stultifiy them by trying to put them in the false position of learned.

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IGNORANCE costs; intelligence pays. probably, a little knowledge of draw-

your pupils than your photograph? What better thing for them could you do than to show them the value of our Premium Cyclopedia-how to use it how to get at, and get out, its wealth and variety of information so as to utilize it-then secure among them five subscribers for this JOURNAL one year, and the Cyclopedia which will be sent free, and get your 100 photographs without cost. We hope a thousand will do this before the schools closes this term.

#### LESS THAN THREE YEARS.

THE Rev. A. D. Mayo writes: "Of the six millions of American children and youth actually in daily attendance, and the ten millions loosely enrolled in public, and the three hundred thousand in private schools, nine-tenths will certainly turn their backs upon the school-house door as early as the age of fourteen." This comes in his pamphlet of last year, published by the Bureau of Education, and entitled

"BUILDING FOR THE CHILDREN IN THE SOUTH."

It can be had of Hon. John Eaton. Commissioner, Washington, D.C., as "one of his most recent and comprehensive addresses."

Mr. Mayo continues : "The first and ever-present concern in the American system, is to do the best thing possible for these millions of children whose average school life in the East does not exceed six, in the West five, or in the South three full school years." He styles "the free elementary school, unpartisan in politics, unsectarian in religion, knowing no distinction of race or sex or social condition, the people's university of American citizenship for every American child."

Now, if nine-tenths of these sixteen millions leave school so young, the best thing possible should be done for them in their few years of schooling. The fewer years, the more need of using time profitably. It makes over fourteen millions.

Hon. John Bright said, at a public dinner in Birmingham, some fifteen years ago: "I am speaking of the necessities of education—that persons should learn to read and to write, to think and to do sums in the ordinary rules of arithmetic, and have that general common school knowledge which the faculties of almost all children enable them to receive." And, elsewhere, in the same speech, "that every boy and girl among them, as near as could be, should understand how to read, should comprehend what was read, should go through the ordinary rules of arithmetic, and had post paid for \$1.00. Please mention it that little general knowledge which to your friends also and show them every child picks up at school—such as a little knowledge of history, a little knowledge of geography, and,

WHAT could be more acceptable to ing"-" the foundation of all subsequent progress" "in invention and manufactures, in the creation of wealth, in the command of selfrespect, and in everything that really tends to make one nation greater than another."

> Three full school years? not three years running, but odds and ends counted up, to make three years between the ages of six and fourteenwhich is not three solid years by any means. We say, currently, "sixty minutes make an hour," which is true only under certain conditions, continuous, unbroken, effective, intense minutes, as when a steamer or locomotive is under full headway a first hour and a second and a third hour-not the slower rate of starting, nor of stopping, nor of hindrances.

> These broken parts of the school years increase and multiply the damages and difficulties of neglected and interrupted education; yet the urgent wants of these fourteen millions ot children ought to be and must be met and satisfied as well as possible by the teachers and educators who have them in charge, adapting the studies, the text-books, the hourseverything to the downright necessities of these unfortunate scholars-as early as fourteen. The essentials, the very fundamentals of civic education. should be selected, rigorously excluding the luxuries - perhaps special schools or terms or hours set apart when they can come best.

> Fourteen voters out of sixteen, means seven out of eight, an overwhelming majority. If we do not secure the education of the children, we must pay and suffer for the vices and crimes and manifold evils that the adults may cause and unavoidably compel. "Education pays: ignorance costs."

#### IMPORTANT.

THE following information in regard to the

TREASURER'S EXHIBITS in Illinois will we hope be complied with to the letter.

Why not incorporate this provision in the school-law of other States.

TREASURER'S EXHIBIT TO DI-RECTORS.

Within two days after the first Monday in April and October every township treasurer must make to each board of directors in his township an itemized statement of his account with them during the preceding six months, and his statement must be balanced, and subscribed and sworn to. The April statement is the more important of the two; and, since the directors are required to post both up on the door of the house where the election of directors is held upon the third Saturday in April, this statement should be transmitted to the directors promptly, within the time named in the law.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.

Section twenty-four of the school

The seems to me if our teachers and the people only knew its value, they would circulate Fifty Thousand copies within our State.

Please send both the JOURNAL and the Premium to each of the persons named below. Yours truly, E. W." ment should be transmitted to the directors promptly, within the time named in the law.

law has the following: "And where there are three or more school districts in any township, no two trustees shall reside, when elected, in the same district." This provision of the law has been in many cases either overlooked or disregarded. It should be observed at the coming election.

When two trustees are to be chosen at an election, one to fill a vacancy and the other for a full term, the ballots should always specify which of the candidates named thereon is voted for to fill a vacancy, which is for a full term. Thus:

"For trustee for full term, Richard Roe.

"For trustee to fill vacancy, John HENRY RAAB.

Sup't, of Public Instruction.

DR. E. C. HEWETT, President of the Illinois State Normal University, in his address before the Iowa State Teachers' Association at Des Moines,

"Right formers of men are better than re-formers. If teachers do their work well, some reforms will never be needed. Not only teach arithmetie, reading and writing, but also morals, both by practice and precept. People who criticise our work, tell only half the truth in their criticisms. That America holds the place she does to-day is owing to the uncounted factor, the schools."

PROF. J. M. CLEMMER, from Monroe county, Tenn., writes as follows:

The AMERICAN JOURNAL OF ED-UCATION and your Premium Cycloclopedia give great satisfaction to all the subscribers. Certainly the Jour-NAL will be an active and efficient factor in changing the views of the people on the subject of better schools and longer school terms. We find a vast amount of useful, practical instruction in its columns, and I cordially endorse what the

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say of its value.

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#### MEN OF THE HOUR.



AUGUSTUS H. GARLAND.

UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM AR-KANSAS, AN EMINENT CONSTITU-TIONAL LAWYER, AND A MEMBER OF THE CABIN-OF PRESIDERT CLEVELAND.

HE was born in Tipton county, Tennessee, June 11, 1832. His parents removed to Arkansas the following year and settled in Red River Valley. At a suitable age he was sent to Bardstown, Kentucky, to be educated in what was then the most famous seat of learning in the Southwest. His academic studies were pursued in the Catholic colleges of St. Mary and St. Joseph. During the latter part of his residence in Bardstown he read law, and attended the trial of causes in the court-room whenever he had the opportunity. At that time the local bar was very strong. Garland profited greatly by this practice. Returning home in 1853 he was admitted to practice at Washington, Arkansas. In 1856 he removed to Little Rock, the capital of the State. He was admitted to practice as an attorney in the Supreme Court of the United States, on December 26, 1860.

He was a member of the Provisional Congress which met at Montgomery, Alabama, in May, 1861, and took part in drawing up the Constitution of the Confederate States. During the struggle between the Federal and Confederate governments he gave his adhesion to the Southern cause, first as a Representative and afterwards as Senator.

In 1867 he was elected United States Senator from Arkansas. He appeared to take his seat in the Senate, March 4, 1867, but was not permitted to do so.

In 1874 Mr. Garland was elected Governor of Arkansas, without opposition. To him was due the overthrow of carpet-bag rule in that State. He was again elected United States Senator in 1876 without opposition.

Powell Clayton, Republican, on March 5, 1877. In 1883 he was re-elected, and his term of service will not expire until March 3, 1889.

Of course when chosen a member of the Cabinet he resigned his place in

It is said that he is playful as a boy. and as fond of candy as a school-girl. In person he is well-built and tall. His head is large, his face round, smooth-shaved and animated with black and most expressive eyes. His features are good and indicate an amiable disposition, while there is strength and dignity expressed in his

His equipment as a lawyer, characterized as it is by vast research, includes also that comprehensive grasp of leading principles and imperial independence of judgment, which many men seemingly learned in the law appear not to possess.

He gave not only the weight of his unsullied character, but the added power of his great abilities as a constitutional lawyer, earnestly and enthusiastically, by vote and act, to that all-important measure known as the "Blair Bill," appropriating \$77,000,-000 for the education of the people.

" For in such business Action is eloquence."

He seems not only to apprehend clearly, but to stand in his present position as the embodiment of

That providence which in a watchful state Knows almost every grain of garnered gold ; Finds bottom in the uncomprehensive deeps, Keeps pace with thought, and almost like the

Does thoughts unveil in their dumb cradles. There is a mystery (with whom relation Durst never meddle) in the soul of state; Which hath an operation more divine Than breath or pen can give expression to."

Not only the State of Arkansas but the nation is to be congratulated that one, every way so strong, honest and able, has been chosen to the responsible position of Attorney General of the U.S., and that he will discharge the duties devolving upon him with distinguished ability and fidelity, no one, who knows him, will for a moment doubt.

PROP. M. F. JOHNSTON, of Hidalgo, Texas, writes:

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THE stars at night stoop down over the brownest, homeliest common, with all the spiritual magnificence which they shed on the Campagna, He began his term as successor to or on the marble deserts of Egypt.

#### AN APPEAL FROM THE SOUTH.

HENRY W. GRADY, of the Atlanta Constitution, has an article in the April CENTURY, in reply to Mr. Cable, from which we quote as fol-"Let no one imagine, from what

is here said, that the South is careless of the opinion or regardless of the counsel of the outside world. On the contrary, while maintaining firmly a position she believes to be essential, she appreciates heartily the value of general sympathy and confidence. With an earnestness that is little less than pathetic she bespeaks the patience and the impartial judgment of all concerned. Surely her situation should command this, rather than indifference or antagonism. In poverty and defeat-with her cities destroyed, her fields desolated, her labor disorganized, her homes in ruins, her families scattered, and the ranks of her sons decimated-in the face of universal prejudice, fanned by the storm of war into hostility and hatred -under the shadow of this sorrow and this disadvantage, she turned bravely to confront a problem that would have taxed to the utmost every resource of a rich and powerful and victorious people. Every inch of her progress has been beset with sore difficulties; and if the way is now clearing, it only reveals more clearly the tremendous import of the work to which her hands are given. It must be understood that she desires to silence no criticism, evade no issue, and lessen no responsibility. She recognizes that the negro is here to stay. She knows that her honor, her dear name, and her fame, no less than her. prosperity, will be measured by the fullness of the justice she gives and guarantees to this kindly and dependent race. She knows that every mistake made and every error fallen into, no matter how innocently, endanger her peace and her reputation. In this full knowledge she accepts the issue without fear or evssion. She says, not boldly, but conscious of the honesty and the wisdom of her convictions: 'Leave this problem to my working out. I will solve it in calmness and deliberation, without passion or prejudice, and with full regard for the unspeakable equities it holds. Judge me rigidly, but judge me by my works.' And with the South the matter may be left-must be left. There it can be left with the fullest confidence that the honor of the republic will be maintained, the rights of humanity guarded, and the problem worked out in such exact justice as the finite mind can measure or finite agencies administer."

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#### MISSISSIPPI.

EDS. AMERICAN JOURNAL OF ED-UCATION:

n the February number of the JOURNAL I said a few words to the teachers of Miss., and now I want to say a few words to the patrons of our schools.

In the first place there is a general lack of interest. At the opening of the term there is scarcely ever an attendance of more than seventy-five per cent. of the enrolled pupils. But the trouble does not stop here. The child is kept at home nearly one-fifth of his time, thus losing the benefit and inspiration of keeping up with others; and, of course, when the short term is out, your child has not made much advancement, and then you blame the teacher, when really the blame should be laid at your own door.

Secure good teachers, and show to the child that you are interested, and you will see quite a change in the life of our schools.

My experience as a teacher has been. that, as an average, there is about one book to every two members of the class. Each child must be supplied with text books by the best authors. The latest improvements in books are as much to be desired, and are as far ahead of the old plans, as the finest reapers and mowers are ahead of the old scythe. How can you expect your children to make any headway unless you supply them with books of the best kind?

More attention should be given, thirdly, to make the school comfortable and attractive. It makes a great difference how a child is seated, whether on a rail bench or at a properly constructed desk.

Visit your schools; show your children that you are interested; work to increase the length of the school term, and pour in the petitions to Congress to pass the Blair bill, from which our State will get \$4,605,235.63. A. J. AVEN.

Coles Creek, Miss., March 20th.

This plea and ery for "tools to work with," comes from the earnest teachers in all parts of the country.

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The passage of the Blair Bill by which Mississippi would secure Four Million Six Hundred and Five Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty-Five Dollars, would do much to give the means to build and furnish schoolhouses, so the people could devote more money to the payment of competent teachers, and amend the schoollaw so as to secure nine months of schooling out of the twelve.

Why not unite and work to this end?-EDS.]

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wiser and stronger and better-they see to it more and more that the "printed page," carrying argument, persussion and facts which ripen into conviction, is circulated continously among the patrons and tax-payers in their school district.

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#### A BIT OF EXPERIENCE.

PROF. R. M. STREETER, Supt. of bit of interesting experience. It is altogether so wise and useful in its conclusions and outcome, that we are sure it will greatly help hosts of young teachers, and pupils too.

I see John away in one corner, anxious to get his head behind the boy in front of him. That means he is going to whisper. Now, what is the use of waiting for John to do that? I don't wait. I say, "John, do you want anything?" Of course he lies, and says, "No, sir." "Why," I say, "what were you going to whisper about?"

"I was only going to ask him to take his knife."

"Well, do take it; only let me know when you want anything like that, and don't get down behind Tom in that fashion. Tom, will you let John take your knife?"

Out comes the knife, John takes it, uses it, and, when he gets through with it, looks at me with lifted eyebrows, and points the knife at Tom. I ned, Tom takes the knife; and that is all there is to it. Another time when John wants anything, he asks for it, man fashion, for two good reasons: he knows he can have what he wants if it is necessary; and he knows he will be caught if he don't. So, then if they do care to whisper, you can stop the whispering by watching

I hope I shall not shock any of you teachers when I tell you that I have a great deal of sympathy for a boy, big or little, who has smuggled an apple into the school-room. He has brought it with him with the best intentions in the world. He doesn't in Might Sweats and Prostration.

Expect to be mean about it. He hasn't the slightest idea of eating it. He does take it from his pocket, but sweats, with very good results."

Our teachers are certainly growing that is because the apple is so large that it is painful there, and he puts it into his desk for safe-keeping. For the first half-hour he forgets all about it; but when he stops a moment, tired with his work, with his elbow on the desk and his head upon the palm of his left hand, there comes floating up from that desk to the nostrils of that school-boy an aroma that the perfumes of Arabia cannot equal. Even then, no thought of guile drifts like a fancy across his mind. It smells so good that he puts his hand under to rub the luscious fruit, and carries to his eager nose the perfumed hand. Then the temptation comes; then, the head goes down; then, quicker than light, the sharp teeth cut the red skin; and for the next five minutes that is the most studious boy in the

Now, I like apples; and I suppose I have done what that boy has just been doing a good many times in my life. I saw him when his hand went into the desk; when that big bite left the apple I heard it, and I saw every eye in that neighborhood turn to me to see if I knew what was going on. Schools, Titusville, Pa., gives this From that day to this the rest of those school-boys believe that I never knew about that apple being eaten. A day or two afterward, when they had for gotten it, and the apple-eater happened to be at my desk, I said to him quietly: "I didn't blame you much the other day when you ate that apple. It was a good one; and if it hadn't been in school I'd have asked you for a bite. You'd better not bring any more-do you think you had? It was worth half-a-dollar to see that boy open his eyes and to hear the wondertone in his voice, as he exclaimed, "Did you see me?" "See you," said I, "of course I did; but I thought you wouldn't do it again, if I asked you not to; and you won't will you?"

"No, sir;" and it came out in that honest hearty voice which a teacher likes to hear. I don't think he ever did, for two good reasons. I had used him as I would like to be used under the same circumstances; and he felt sure that he would be caught again if he did. So I say that boys can be kept from eating apples by watching them, and treating them with a dose of the Golden Rule, if you get a

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WE ought, this season, to largely increase the information of the people on the subject of popular Education. Its needs, its value, its direct and permanent contribution to the real vealth of the people. This can be done by popular evening lectures at the Institute. Discuss and talk "Methods" in the day sessions, with the teachers proper, but keep all that out of your gatherings in the evening. Let these evening lectures be of an instructive, interesting character for the people, with a view to create a more intelligent interest in increasing the length of the school term, etc.,

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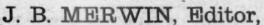
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Of gold they wished whereby to heap up more.

My gift was love-which they must needs pass by Since it exacts the largest usury.

NATURE, when she sends a new mind into the world, fills it beforehand with a desire for that which she wishes it to know and do. Let us wait and see what is this new creation, of what new organ the great Spirit had need when he incarnated this new Will. A new Adam in the garden, he is to name all the beasts in the field, all the gods in the sky.

#### SOLVING THE PROBLEM.

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A LUNCH,

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Dozens of small wooden tables were set about the various rooms on the ground floor of the Lodge; each was supplied with wooden plates, German silver spoons, paper table cloths, Chinese paper napkins with fancy borders, and a huge pitcher of Alderney milk.

As soon as the guests were seated a number of the students passed rapidly from table to table, handing beef and fram sandwiches, tea and coffee, and rich golden cake.

The beef and ham were raised, killed, and cured on the farm, the wheat raised and baked by the students, and tea, coffee and cake, made by the girl pupils of the cooking-school. For here the curriculum includes, besides reading, spelling, writing, arithmetic, geography and history, cooking, sewing, carpentering, household work. laundrying, black-smithing in all its branches, agriculture, the breeding of cattle, and enough of natural philosophy, chemistry and political economy to enable them to farm and vote intelligently.

And the success of the Faculty has been such that every wagon and bit of harness, and many of the farming implements, are made in the workshops by the pupils; the shoemaking department is flourishing; the work of the vast establishment is carried on without effort; the fields are well cultivated; the Hampton cattle are sought eagerly throughout the North and

South; their collie dogs are famous for their beauty and intelligence; and the printing presses are so well handled that the proprietor of the "Hygeia" has given all his menus to the school, officers at the Fortress order their visiting cards and invitations there, and the very steamboat companies give their tickets to the Hampton darkies and Indians to print.

The negroes in the school preponderate the Indians, but the two races harmonize well; and the Indians, while preserving tribe distinctions and names, merge tribal hostilities into race harmony. One of the most strongly marked differences between them is their

#### CHOICE OF STUDIES.

The negroes take enthusiastically to books, politics, teaching and preaching, the favorite trades being carpentering and dressmaking. The Indians spring at the iron-working and farming, and care but little for books as books. They are eager, however, to learn to speak English, for each one has come charged by his chiefs to become

#### MIDDLEMAN

between the White and the Red. so fair play can be had, and the new generation find a foothold against the white tide that floods at morning and at evening, knowing no ebb.

This was set forth not ungracefully during the "Exercises" by Santee Single Feather, a young Crow-Creek, who addressed the audience in Sioux -a language so harsh and gutteral that it is a lucky thing the

#### RED MAN

prefers reticent silence to conversation! The lad was handsome-as Indians go-and so pathetically in earnest that not even the stolid interpretation of George Otter-Bush (a Lower Brule, with a face and head like a rough cast of Napoleon I.) could rob it of its fire and earnestness. He said: "My father, the chief, says: 'I shall pass like the Winter and the Snow-time, but you are the Summer, and the harvest is yours. Learn while you are young, and teach your people the way; then the children who come after can learn more, and their children still more, and my people shall last and endure,' "

Robert McIntosh, the Apache soout who did such good work in Arizons. also spoke earnestly and with some force for his people. His plea was for our patience with them. He said they wanted to learn, but had to do so slowly. "They are not quick, and to talk white is not so easy."

THE INDUSTRIAL HALL

what might be called the cream of the Institution, for there, perfected, lay the work of the year. Bunting and cereals, wild flowers and draperies of sewing and embroidery were the decorations, and the exhibits were varied and striking. The wagons and

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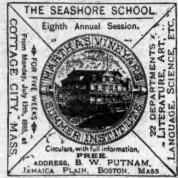
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ORIENTAL.

Who, when the silent wrinkle steals On brow and cheek, its ravage heals, And e'en the freckle's stain conceals? Who but Gouraud.

#### THE WINE CUP.

A TEMPERANCE TALE.

RNEST DALE, his mother and L father, went to a gathering of a few families. They had a pleasant time, and a supper. Ernest almost shivered as he saw the wine cup pass ed around.

"Will father take it, I wonder," said he to himself.

He was a manly boy, a temperance man, and a playfellow, all in one.

He watched carefully as it was passed from one hand to another. There were two tables-one for the ladies, and one for the gentlemen; but they can scarcely be called gentlemen, for they were anything but gentle in their manners. Ernest saw it handed to his father, and looked with earnest, beseeching eyes. His father understood the look of those eyes; but instead of setting the cup down, he looked at his son sternly and drank a few swallows.

Then he handed it to Ernest, and said: " Drink, my son; it will do you

"No sir, thank you," said Ernest, ties of the nineteenth century.

"I am a temperence boy," and set the wine cup down.

Any one else would have passed it on to the next one; but Ernest did not. He sat looking at it for a moment, and then pulled out of his pocket a piece of paper and a pencil, turned to the next one and said, "Sign my pledge, sir?"

The man was struck by the manner in which Ernest brought things about. He signed the pledge then and there, promising never to take wine or any other strong drink.

Ernest passed his pledge all around the table. Some refused, some signed it. His heart beat high in his breast as he approached his father. He wondered whether he would sign it right away, or make several excuses for not signing it. He refused at first, but several of the good men who had signed it, coaxed him, and at last he signed it with a sigh.

The master of the house signed the pledge too, and ordered the servant to take "that abominable" winecup awav.

Ernest was very happy at the thought of being the means of having a wine cup taken away.

He asked all his friends to sign his pledge, and has been the means of having many wine cups ordered away from tables.

[The above composition by a girl ten years old in the St. Louis schools, was read to us the other day by Supt. Long, and it was in all respects soadmirable that we solicited a copy for the JOURNAL. We do not know the author at all, as it was unsigned, but numbered .- EDS.]

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Tom, who is studious, is encouraged to become a book-worm. Dick, who is medium, is left pretty much to himself; while Harry, who is largely animal, is ever at the foot of his class.

Tom graduates at the head of his class, becomes a doctor, a minister or a lawyer, and having no physical stamina, over-exerts in the awful race for the front, and the cold, cold grave receives him, while the sympathizing friends, looking at the wife and small children left to the tender mercies of the world, wonder at the mysterious ways of Providence: but a keen judge looking on says, "Tom was a fool," and so he was.

Dick makes a medium citizen, lives a medium life, dies a medium death and is mourned with medium tears, is in short a medium character.

Harry soon finds school too slow for his active animal growth and leaves for a practical life. Poor Harry; he soon finds the practicality of the great world too much for him, finds the need of skilled labor, of muscle back-

ed by brain, and while he has the muscle he lacks the brain.

Tom and Harry would, together, makea man, singly they are failures.

Harry sinks to a mere existence, or drinks himself to death, and the keen judge, noticing everything, says sententiously, "all fools," and so they are, but there are thousands like them. These are the extremes, but in them or amongst them will fall all mankind. Where do you belong?

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T was one of my greatest delights to I ramble off into those woods, with my gun or my rod, in search of game or fish, or on a more peaceful hunt for ferns and orchids, in the beauty and variety of both of which Trinidad surpasses all other places in the world. What knowledge did I pick up? Remember, I was only a rather dreamy boy-not a naturalist or botanistpossessing no kind of science. Well, I gained the knowledge of a great many facts connected with birds and animals, and plants and flowerswhen and where this or that was to be found, which loved the open sunlight and which loved the cooler shadow. All this was an enjoyment at the time: and in the solitude of this crowded city of ours it has constantly been a great delight to recall those days. But has the knowledge I then obtained given me power of any sort? Again, I think not. It created in me a love for Nature; it woke in me a great wonder at her beauty and variety, and to some extent a curiosity about the why and the wherefore of much that I saw. I listened to her many voices, and somewhat I learned of her doings; but I fear I did not consider her ways.

was not a student, I was only a boysportsman; or, to borrow Newton's words about himself, I was only like a child "playing on the sea-shore, and diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble, or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me." And yet as Nature is everywhere, and her facts of such general application, and as these facts are so excellently fitted for calling into action, and so developing, our faculties of perception, what I then learned of them has often enough been of unexpected help and value, supplying a link of thought or prompting a suggestion, and so after all may perhaps be set down as having produced a kind of power, though of only a very humble sort, - and as itself having become in a still more restricted sense, a kind of power. But why have I told you all this? Because I think there is contained in it the gist of the whole

The first class of facts which I have mentioned are isolated, dead, stony facts, utterly unreproductive, One might as well hope to produce a crop of corn by sowing pebbles, as to grow thought by implanting such facts in a child's mind. They form part of no law, but are entirely accidental, and can be picked up when wanted as easily as stones on a road. They have their temporary narrow use, as even the smallest facts have at times: and at times can be used as weapons of offence with as telling

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And the facts of the third classwhat shall I liken them unto? They, are like the seeds which, if rightly planted in the right soil, and rightly treated, will spring up and bear fruit a hundredfold; but which, if carelessly gathered and left unplanted, have no more possibility in themselves of producing power than the pebbles had. They are like the facts of everyday life which are meeting us always and everywhere; which are of universal connection and application, and might teach us so much, which should give us such clear and right concentions, such sound reasoning and judgment, and lead us to such real power; but which most of us stare at, and wonder at, and dream about, and talk about, and make little or no use of. Their wide connections reaching out in every direction, and the possibility of applying in every place the knowledge acquired concerning them, give them their greatest value in practical work; while, as a means for producing thought-growth, the readiness with which they may be obtained, their interconnection with one another, the circumstance that their origin and the laws they illustrate are independent of human accident, of human contrivance,-all these render them-our facts of nature-far more capable as the producers of power

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than the facts of the other two classes can ever be. But the mere fortuitous possession of them can never by itself produce power.

Now, I have been using two words repeatedly, and I shall be obliged to continue to do this; and yet I have not, perhaps, made it quite plain what I understand them to signify. I refer to the words knowledge and power. I shall not attempt to define these two ideas for all the world; but I must at least make it clear what they represent when I use them myself. Knowledge, then, I take to mean that familiarity with a thing or a fact which is sufficient to enable us to put it to all its natural uses readily, and without error; knowledge of a process, that acquaintance with its means, causes, conditions, and results-its whys, its wherefores, and its hows-which enables us to reproduce it (at least in imagination) in every detail whenever we desire to do so, to put it readily to all possible uses, and to check it or prevent its results as far as this is humanly possible. By power I mean the ability to do, to act, or to produce, influence, or check action; not merely physical external action, but also internal mental action. If, then, the familiarity with and complete possession of a fact or thing or process does not produce this ability to act or to influence or induce action, you will be prepared to find that I do not consider that this knowledge produces power.

[To be continued.]

#### METHODS.

WE clip from the Canada School Journal the following wise and timely suggestions to the young teacher on the subject of how best to teach

READING.

- 1. Use slates and the blackboard in teaching reading from the beginning, especially the latter.
- 2. Let the pupils write script from the first
- 3. Only teach the sounds of letters as they are used. It is a great mistake to teach the alphabet as a whole, either by names or sounds, before putting these to a practical use.
- 4. Pupils should not be allowed to try to read a sentence until they know all the words it contains.
- 5. Simultaneous reading should only be allowed when the pupils are imitating the teacher, or when they are reciting something that has been committed to memory.
- 6. Bright pupils are certain to engross most of the teacher's attention so long as they are in the class. Duli pupils should get most teaching. In order to secure this result, when the new work of a lesson has been taught, give review test words or sen tences, and let those who read them first go to their seats and work there.
- 7. Backward pupils rely on those more advanced to le 'd them, and it is legislature.

of the utmost importance that they should be compelled to make independent efforts for their own good. It is therefore very much better to let the pupils repeat the new words or sentences to the teacher after he has written them on the blackboard.

- 8. Pupils should be required to do a great deal of word building. The following are illustrations of an infinite variety of problems which may be assigned to them :
- (a) When they know the sound of at, in, ing, on, etc., let them make as many new words as possible by prefixing letters to them.
- (b) Give them two consonants, one for the beginning and the other for the end of a series of words, and let them form words by writing vowels between them.
- (c) Give a single consonant, and let the pupils form as many words as they can, beginning or ending with it, and containing the number of letters fixed by the teacher.

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Or something like this:

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Now imagine, if you can, what we should do with a clerk who spelled orally in that way, and by spelling from sound should write us after such a fashion. Or, suppose a teacher should write us a letter after this fashion-what should we think of the education-or rather the lack of it-in such an one?

Let your pupils correct themput them on the board as they should be in all respects-and you will get our idea of the proper method of feaching pupils how to spell properly.

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nonparell, jeopardy, friend, bury, guest, says. Again, the words bead, head, great, heart, wear, ocean, earth, present ea with seven sounds.

When the teacher pronounces a word from the following lessons, let the pupil spell and define the two or more words having the same pronunciation. Let us start with words of one syllable, as an experiment, using only a very few at first.

mien	feign	nave
mete	feint	lief
meter	fort	leek
mite	frieze	lynx
pier	gauge	lode
poll	wreak	sole
raze	wrest	style
cheir	right	sulte
cite	wright	WAVE
site	wrote	Beull

Here are a few words, which are comparatively common, from the Third Reader, which may serve as a good lesson:

80	d	purchase	groat
ari	d	silence	fief
001	m-pel	raiment	fiend
fa	rot	whey	fleree
ha	zard	skein	grief
88	lad	gaol	niece
88	tin	prayer (prar)	shriek
ta	eit and	guard	wield
nb	sence	fought (fawt)	be-lief
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All had anticipated an instructive book, a witty book, and a book that would furnish needed commentary. In these respects none have been dis-

In seventeen chapters the author has presented and discussed the biographic data, the literary environment, and the products of Mr. Emerson's pen in the departments of philosophy, poetry and prose essay writing. The influence of the sane, healthy common sense of Dr. Holmes will tend to draw to the study of Emerson a new class of readers. As we have had occasion to notice in other volumes relating to Emerson the temptation to quote largely from his wonderful prose and verse, so we can-not fail to be struck with the fact that not fall to be struck with the ract that Dr. Holmes has yielded to the same impulse. When you wish to condense into a brief and pithy utterance some idea that Emerson has set forth, you look over his essay and find on every page the most forcible and happy statements which sum up the entire thought of the essay.

We are told that organic beings in We are told that organic beings in some way reflect the whole universe in each, justes the dew-drops on the morning grass reflect each the sun. Emerson's sentences reflect each the central thought of the entire essay. No writer of English has been so gifted in creating expressions that are at once luminous and condensed. If a happy abridgement is sought, then one will naturally feel himself com-

pelled to quote.
In the first four chapters, Dr. Holmes relates the events of early childhood, school and college life, the childhood, school and college life, the divinity school, the first preaching and the subsequent settlement as colleague of Henry Ware; his resignation, visit to Europe, second marriage, publication of his first book, and the address before the Phi Beta Kappa Society. In the fifth chapter we a society. In the first chapter we find an account of the famous divinity school address, which made an epoch in the religious history of Boston. The commencement of the long spondence with Carlyle belong to this epoch. Says Dr. Holmes: "On the 14th of May, 1834, Emerson wrote to Carlyle the first letter of that cor-respondence which has since been given to the world under the careful editorship of Mr. Charles Norton. This correspondence lasted from the date mentioned to the 2d of April 1872, when Carlyle wrote his last let 1872, when Carlyle wrote his last let-ter to Emerson. The two writers re-veal themselves as being in strong sympathy with each other, in spite of a radical difference in temperament and entirely opposite views of life. The hatred of unreality was up-permost with Carlyle; the love of what is real and genuine with Emer-son. Those old moralists, the weep-

cord, Dr. Holmes comments: "Mr. Emerson, himself, besides being a poet and a philosopher, was also a plain Concord citizen. He was a faithful attendant upon town meetings, and though he never spoke, was an interested and careful listener to the debates on town matters. That respect for mother wit and all wholespect for mother wit and all whole-some human qualities which revealsit-self through all his writings was bred from this kind of intercourse with men of sense who had no pretensions men of sense who had no pretensions to learning, and in whom, for that very reason, the native qualities came out with less disguise in their expression. He was surrounded by men who ran to extremes in their idiosyncrasies...he kept his balance among them all. It would be hard to find a more candid and sober record of the result of self-government in a small community than is contained in this simple discourse, natient in detail, large in treatment. patient in detail, large in treatment, more effective than any unsupported generalities about the natural rights generalities about the natural rights of man, which amount to very little unless men earn the right of assert-ing them by attending fairly to their natural duties.

Dr. Holmes has taken up in sucor cession almost all of the Emerson writings, and furnished a critical commentary, although a brief one for each. Of the essays, he remarks in general: "Once accustomed to Emergeneral: "Once accustomed to Emer-son's larger formulæ we can, to a cer-tain extent, project from our own minds his treatment of apecial sub-jects. But we cannot anticipate the daring imagination, the subtle wit, the curious illustrations, the felicit-ous language, which make the lecture or the essay captivating as read, and almost entrancing as listened to by the teachable disciple."

the teachable disciple."

In chapter seventh, he gives an account among other things of the second visit to England, and the lectures which he condensed into the volume published under the title of Representative Men. He says of its contents: "The title was a happy one, and has passed into literature and conversation as an accepted and convenient phrase. It would teach us a good deal merely to consider the names he has selected as typical, and the ground of their selection. We get his classification of men considered as leaders in thought and in action. He leaders in thought and in action. He shows his own affinities and repulshows his own affinities and repulsions, and, as everywhere, writes his own biography, no matter about whom he is talking There is hardly any book of his better worth study by those who wish to understand—not Plato, not Plutarch, not Napoleon, but Emerson himself. All his great men interest us for their own sake; but we know a good deal about most of them, and a good deal about most of them, and Emerson holds the mirror up to them at just such an angle that we see his own face as well as that of his hero unintentionally, unconsciously, no doubt, but by a necessity which he would be the first to recognize."

He quotes the following characteristic passage from Emerson on Pes-simism, saying, by way of preface: "If our learned and excellent John Cotton used to sweeten his mouth be-fore going to bed with a bit of Calvin, we may wisely sweeten and strength-en our sense of existence with a morsel or two from Emerson's Essay on

life. The hatred of unreality was uppermost with Carlyle; the love of what is real and genuine with Emerson. Those old moralists, the weeping and laughing philosophers, find their counterparts in every thinking community. Carlyle did not weep, but he scolded; Emerson did not laugh, but in his gravest moments there was a smile waiting for the cloud to pass from his forehead. The duet they chanted was a Miscrere with a Te Deum for its antiphone; a Deprofundis answered by a Sursum Corda. The condition of Emerson's Essay on the second of the seco

as far as he has experimented on things,—I am invigorated, put into genial and working temper; the hori-son opens, and we are full of good-will and gratitude to the Cause of Causee."

Causes."

Chapter XIV, on Emerson's poems, is, on the whole, the most interesting portion of the book. Speaking of his rank as a poet, he quotes from the preface to the Parnassus, Emerson's words: "The great poets are judged by the frame of mind they induce; and to them, of all men, the severest criticism is due," and remarks, "His own poems will stand this test as well as any in the language. They lift own poems will stand this test as well as any in the language. They lift the reader into a higher region of thought and feeling. This seems to me a better test to apply to them than the one which Mr. Arnold cited from Milton. Milton had been speaking of logic and relative and sucked from the control of th logic and rhetoric, and spoke of poetry 'as being less subtle and fine, but more simple, sensuous and passionate.' This relative statement, it must not be forgotten, is conditioned by what went before. If the terms are used absolutely, and not comparatively, as Milton used them, they must be very elastic if they will stretch widely enough to include all the poems which the world recognizes as masterpieces; nay, to include some of the best of Milton's own. Emerson was not only nay, to include some or the best of Milton's own. Emerson was not only a poet, but a very remarkable one. Whether a great poet or not, will depend on the scale we use, and the meaning we sfix to the term." He meaning we sfix to the term." He proceeds in this discriminative vein to discuss the qualities of Emerson's verse, quoting many specimens, and especially from the fragments recently especially from the fragments recently published, regarding which he says felicitously: "We do not want his fragments to be made wholes; if we did, what hand could be found equal to the task? We do not want his rhythms and rhymes smoothed and made more melodious. They are as honest as Chaucer's. His poetry is elemental; it has the rock beneath it in the eternal laws on which it rests: in the eternal laws on which it rests; the roll of deep waters in its grander harmonies; its air is full of Æollan strains that waken and die away as the breeze wanders over them; and through it shines the white starlight, and from time to time flashes a meteor that startles us with its sudden bril liancy."

AGAMEMNON'S DAUGHTER. A Poem by Denton J. Snider. Boston: James R. Osgood & Co. 1885.

No writer of modern times had No writer of modern times has shown a deeper or more delicate appreciation of Greek life and thought than Mr. Snider. He is a genuine poet in feeling. His mastery of versification is not wholly commensurate with his thought, but the poetry he writes is still poetry in the most wital appear.

vital sense.

The themes of the early world, from the very fact of the vagueness characterizing them in their primitive form, admit of indefinite expansion and refinement. Even the Greeks themselves discovered the tragic phase of the Trojan expedition involving the sacrifice of Iphigenia only at a comparatively late date. So again this theme was taken up by Goethe and developed in a phase left in the form of mere suggestion in the Greek consciousness. His Iphigenia auf Tauris is a masterpiece which is itself at once a work of art and a profound interpretation of a most important phase of the Greek most important phase of the Greek spirit and its influence upon the barbarian world. And now Mr. Snider in his new dramatic epic, presents a still further development. In his still further development. In his first canto, he brings together the chief among the fundamental elements of the movement he is to portray—Agamemon with his pride and ambition, Paris with his merely sensual nature, Helen with her perfection of sensuous beauty, and Iphigenia with her devotion to the highest type of morality.

Helen is indeed the element in

Greek life most akin to Asiatic sensuality. The danger to Greek civilization is that the sensuous phase of beauty may be separated from the vitel element of morality—that Helen may be separated from Iphigenia. For a time indeed the ruin of the Greek spirit seems accomplished. The seductive influences of Asiatic luvury represented by Paris triumph luxury represented by Paris triumph. Helen is borne away out of her natural surroundings and degraded. But no sooner is this accomplished But no sooner is than all Greece awakes to a con-sciousness of the loss and sees itself lost in the loss of Helen. For the Greek spirit can unfold itself no otherwise than in the forms of beauty; and to do this the forms of beauty; and to do this the forms of beauty must be preserved in their purity and dignity so that they shall embody the morality of Freedom as realized by the Greeks. Hence the subordination of all other interests

subordination of all other interests to this one supreme purpose of restoring Helen, the ideal of beauty, to her rightful place in the midst of that world where alone she can be preserved from degradation.

But this entails sacrifice on the part of the non-offending Iphigenia. The pure sacrifices herself for the impure. The guiltless one not only makes but actually owes the sacrifice of self to the guilty one. The pure cannot be indifferent to the impure. Only through this self sacrifice can the pure one prove herself to be truly pure.

This spirit of self sacrifice, besides, proves to be of a universal nature. The sacrifice of Iphigenia is not not The sacrifice of Iphigenia is not merely for the restoration of Helen—not merely for the preservation of the one form in which the Greek spirit can unfold itself. Rather her sacrifice is made for the whole world. The ethical element of the Greek world must appeal to barbarous races and transform them. And these races in turn with the vital forces of their inner life no sconer become tamed and inner life no sooner become tamed and ennobled under the influence of Iphiennobled under the influence of Iphigenia than they join with her in her return to celebrate the restoration of Helen to Greece—the reunion of the perfect form of beauty with the ethical nature which alone can preserve it in its freshness and immortality.

It is a really magnificent treatment of this old theme which Mr. Snider brings us and which he uses so that in the person of Helen, the immortal form of sensuous beauty matured once for all in the Greek world, and in the person of Iphigenia, the type

in the person of Iphigenia, the type of ethical purity and harmony, there is admirably embodied that eternal lesson—only clearly understood in the modern and Christian world— that the moral and the beautiful can never be sundered save to their mutual hurt, and that the highest law of the spirit is to recognize its own universality reflected in every spiritual being and hence to behold as the absolute condition of self-de-velopment, the absolute sacrifice of the particular or arbitrary self in order to the attainment of the uni-versal or rational self. "He who loses his life shall find it" and he alone. Wm. M. B.

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scussions.
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